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- Response to Election Requirement (15 pgs.)

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 10, 2006 making an election requirement,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

Election/Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.